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GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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TO: HONORABLE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR, HONORABLE NICOLE LOWEN, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SUBJECT: **COMMENTS REGARDING HCR 93 URGING THE STATE AND COUNTY
TO REQUIRE THAT THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC
BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, AND SITES MEET OR EXCEED THE
LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED)
SILVER OR TWO GREEN GLOBES RATING SYSTEM.**

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2015
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over approximately hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

HCR 93 is proposing to urge the state and counties to mandate that the design and construction of public buildings, facilities and sites meet or exceed the LEED certification for all newly-constructed facilities. This measure is similar to unsuccessful bills introduced last session, which we found to be unnecessary.

HCR 93 is not necessary to ensure that the construction of new and renovated state building and facilities are energy efficient and use environmentally preferred products, including recycled content materials. For your information, three public buildings were recently awarded LEED certifications - including the Manoa Public Library, Leiopapa A Kamehameha State Office Tower and North Kohala Public Library. The GCA supports the design and construction of state facilities that utilize water, energy and materials in a manner that is most efficient and environmentally friendly. The GCA believes that current law pursuant to §196-9, HRS, already directs the state agencies responsible for construction of state capital improvements to meet LEED certification standards or other nationally recognized guidelines or systems.

If all state agencies responsible for the construction of state building and facilities follow the directive outline in Section 196-9, the requirement to obtain LEED certification should be met without further legislation. Furthermore, Section 196-9, HRS allows state agencies to consider other green development guidelines and does not limit such to LEED only.

We believe that HCR 93 is not necessary and we respectfully recommend that the Committee defer this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views on this measure.

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